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### **Caltrans District 4 Honors Fallen Workers at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Workers Memorial Tribute**

**Oakland, Calif. –** Caltrans District 4, encompassing the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area, today held the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Caltrans Workers Memorial Tribute to remember fellow workers who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties. Since 1921, Caltrans has lost 186 fallen workers statewide. Of those, 34 were based in District 4.

The ceremony provided Caltrans workers the opportunity to reflect upon the memory of their co-workers and honor their legacy. The annual event also served as a platform to remind the motoring public of the risks that Caltrans highway workers face daily while working on the highway.

“We must continue to keep safety at the forefront of all of our actions,” said District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi. “At the end of each shift, we all want to come home to our families.”

“Thank you to the traveling public for their safety awareness,” said Chief Deputy District Director Dan McElhinney. “The Be Work Zone Alert Campaign reminds us all that many highway workers are moms and dads. So, please stay vigilant when driving near construction zones.”

“We appreciate our partnership with Caltrans and the shared commitment to safety and stewardship,” said California Highway Patrol Assistant Chief Ernest Sanchez.

Also speaking were Caltrans Maintenance Regional Manager Will Hauke and California Transportation Foundation representative Jim McCrank.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the names of the District's fallen workers were read aloud, accompanied by the ringing of a ceremonial bell. The statewide Caltrans Workers Memorial will be held Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> on the steps of the State Capitol building in Sacramento.

For more information on the event, as well as information on obtaining video clips, please contact Robert Haus at (510) 286-5576.

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Captions (top to bottom):

- 1) Safety cones displaying names of Caltrans District 4 fallen workers.
- 2) Ringing of ceremonial bell.
- 3) Caltrans staff and CHP paying tribute at District 4 Memorial marker.
- 4) Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi presenting remarks.

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